



Wainford Rural District

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1938.

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AS TO THE
Sanitary Conditions of Wainford Rural District
DURING THE YEAR 1938.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Council
of the Wainford Rural District.*

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present my Report for the year 1938.

**SECTION A.—Statistics and Social Conditions of
the Area.**

Area. 44,871 acres.

Population. 6,290 (as estimated by the Registrar-General).

Number of Inhabited Houses. 1,845.

Rateable Value. £14,334.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate. £69.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

MEDICAL OFFICER (part time)—P. G. Levick, M.A., M.B.,
B.CHIR. (Cantab), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.)

SANITARY INSPECTOR (part time)—H. Earl, Cert. R.S.I.

Industries. The district is almost entirely agricultural.

		<i>Total.</i>	M.	F.	
Live Births.	Legitimate	99	50	49	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 16·2.
	Illegitimate	3	3	—	
Still Births	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 37·7.
Deaths	74	48	26	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 11·7.

Deaths from Puerperal causes. Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	6
„ „ Measles (all ages)	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

Death-rate of Infants under One year of age.

All infants, per 1,000 live births	78·4
Legitimate infants, per 1,000 legitimate live births	80·8
Illegitimate „ „ illegitimate „	0

SECTION B. General Provision of the Health Services for the Area.

The only change in these services is that arrangements have been made for the treatment of infectious diseases at the Lowestoft Isolation Hospital.

SECTION C. Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

Water. The provision of good water continues to be one of the main difficulties in this District.

Sewerage. There is no water born sewerage.

Closet Accommodation. Four privy pits have been abolished and closets converted to E.C.'s with removable sanitary pans.

Sanitary Inspection. Regular inspection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Schools. The water supplies at Westhall Council School, Brampton School and Ilketshall St. Margaret's School were found to be unfit for drinking. The tank and filter of Westhall School were cleaned and the filter renewed. Arrangements were made for a supply of water for the Brampton School from a different source—a bore hole belonging to the County Council. A notice was placed on the pump over the well supplying St. Margaret's School stating that the water must be boiled. A later analysis was satisfactory.

No School was closed on account of infectious disease.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	416
(b) Number of inspections for that purpose ..	2045
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	76
(b) Number of inspections for that purpose ..	106
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	95
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	216

2. *Remedy of defects without service of formal notice :*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	418
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:*

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	Nil
(2) Number of Dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	216
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

C.—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	95
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	5

D.—Proceedings under section 12 of Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

E.—Overcrowding. Housing Act, 1936.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of the year	25
(2) Number of families dwelling therein ..	25
(3) Number of new cases reported during year ..	Nil
(4) Number of cases relieved during year ..	7
(5) Number of persons concerned in such cases	43

SECTION E. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply. Regular inspection of Cowsheds and Dairies have been made. The County Council arranges for the bacteriological examination of milk. Number of cows in milk is 2,742.

Meat and other Foods. Slaughter-houses are inspected.

Meat Inspections.

	<i>Cattle.</i>	<i>Calves.</i>	<i>Cows.</i>	<i>Sheep.</i>	<i>Pigs.</i>
Number Killed (Actual) ...	26	—	—	10	181
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	—	4
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	7

SECTION F. Prevalence of, or Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

Very few cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year. Intimations from Schools were received and studied. There is no provision for the artificial immunization against diphtheria, nor for the use of measles serum.

Notifiable Diseases.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Total Deaths.</i>
Small Pox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	9	5	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	4	2	4

Tuberculosis.

New cases and mortality during 1938 :

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Respiratory.</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>		<i>Respiratory.</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
.....
1								
.....	1
5								
.....
15								
.....	1	1	1	1
25								
.....	1	1
35								
.....	1
45								
.....	1
55								
.....	1
65 and upwards								
.....
Totals ...	3	2	1	2	...	2

Ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths, 0—2.

SECTION G. Factories.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

<i>Premises.</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
	<i>Inspections.</i>	<i>Written Notices.</i>	<i>Occupiers prosecuted.</i>
Factories with mechanical power	2	—	—
„ without mechanical power	4	—	—

2. Defects found, Nil.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P. G. LEVICK,

Medical Officer of Health.